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FROM 1	Chief, EUCA <i>902</i>		DATE 21 September 1961
SUBJECT 1	Operational/GROUND Training GRBLAMED-31 Communications Training Report		RE "13-3" -- (CHECK "X" ORU) MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
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1. GRBLAMED-31 arrived in Frankfurt at 1800 hours on 20 August 1961 for a period of communications refresher training. He was met at the Hauptbahnhof by the Communications Training Officer and taken to a safehouse apartment in Frankfurt where the first phase of training, lasting through the 26th of August, was given. On 27 August GRBLAMED-31 and the Training Officer traveled by automobile to Munich, met the Case Officer and proceeded on to a selected field training area in the Bavarian Alps, approximately 30 miles south of Munich. The remainder of the training was given here in the form of a two-day field trip communications exercise. The Case Officer, having become the proud father of an eight-pound daughter early on the 27th, did not accompany the Agent and Training Officer to the campsite but dropped in on the afternoon of the 28th and remained until the completion of the exercise, around noon of the 29th.

2. GRBLAMED-31's last communications training, at which time he became operationally qualified, was held in August of 1960. Therefore, the first two-and-a-half days of training were devoted to an assessment of the Agent's code receiving and sending abilities, in addition to a thorough and intensive review of all of the Agent's operational systems and equipment. Items included in this review were: Activation Instructions; the ZIDOFF broadcast procedure; the BYLDEX UTFT indicator system; the ZIBALT primary cryptographic system and the cryptographic security check used therewith; the BYLPIN emergency cryptographic system and the memory key phrases and keyword for use therewith; the BYCINK/Universal type signal plan; the ZIGARE frequency change system; the EDACEL extra schedule system; the 50-2 calling clock; GROPI (General Radio Operating Procedures and Instructions); and the RS-1 and RS-6 radio equipment.

3. A BYCINK/U type training signal plan, LTRIZIK, was used throughout the training period. The broadcast page used in conjunction with LTRIZIK scheduled daily broadcasts. The broadcast portion of the plan was activated on the second day of training, 22 August, and continued with subsequent daily broadcasts until the completion of the training. Seven (7) messages totaling 299 group were broadcast, with a ORU tape being transmitted on the remaining day. The initial message broadcast to the Agent contained the Universal Time-Frequency indicators and associated data. This message was received and deciphered by GRBLAMED-31 and provided him with the necessary information to place the signal plan into operation. The remaining broadcasts were also received and deciphered without difficulty.

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4. After GRBLAMED-31 had been reviewed in the BYCINK/U signal plan, GROPI, the 50-2 calling clock, ZIGARE and EDACEL, several table contacts were set up between the Agent and the Training Officer. The Agent was required to extract from the signal plan all data pertinent to each contact. Any discrepancies in procedure or use of the plan were noted and brought to his attention at the completion of the contact. Afterwards, seventeen (17) two-way contacts were attempted with the Rhein Main Base station from the Frankfurt safehouse location. All of these contacts were successful and traffic was passed to the Base, with another 298 groups received from the Base during thirteen (13) of the contacts. Afterwards, nine (9) two-way contacts were attempted from the field training site, eight (8) of which were successful and a total of 186 literal groups were passed to the Base. Another 139 literal groups were received from the Base over a period of seven (7) contacts. The one unsuccessful contact was due to the Agent inadvertently copying the incorrect schedule time from his worksheet.

5. During the period of safehouse training, GRBLAMED-31 was given a message enciphered in his emergency cryptographic system which he deciphered with no problems experienced. He required some prompting to recall the cryptographic security check for use with his primary system. This had been issued at his training session a year ago and he had the mistaken impression it was good only for the duration of that training period.

6. Overall evaluation: VERY GOOD. Quite naturally, GRBLAMED-31 was nervous and excited during the first few "on-the-air" contacts. This nervousness gradually diminished with each passing contact, until Base station operator comments of "Good Contact" or "Very Good Contact" appeared quite regularly on the Base contact reports. His sending was generally good, with even spacing and good rhythm. Occasionally, he cut the second dash short on letters such as "W" and "Y" so that they were mistaken for "R" and "C", respectively. His receiving speed of ten (10) literal GPM is slightly lower than a year ago but could be built up quickly with some concentrated practice. His observed security practices during the training period were good. GRBLAMED-31 made several of his contacts without Training Officer assistance or supervision, and he should have no difficulty in establishing and operating a two-way radio circuit using the RS-1 or RS-6 equipment.

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